**Dispute between CIL and Government of Gujarat over weighment of coal**

3822. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is any dispute between Coal India Limited and the Government of Gujarat regarding weighment of coal supplies ; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to resolve the dispute ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA) : (a) Yes, Sir. There have been some disputes between Coal India Limited (CIL) and Gujarat State Electricity Board (GEB) regarding weighment of Box 'N' Wagons and deductions made by GEB for alleged short receipts of coal.

(b) Such disputes between CIL and GEB which are commercial in nature have to be settled through mutual negotiations. Both CIL and GEB have been interacting with each other, and some of the outstanding issues regarding short receipt of coal have already been resolved.

**Irregularities in the Kedla open cast projects**

3823. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any letter from the Secretary Coalfield Labour Union, Kedla Open Cast Project, Kedla, Hazaribagh, Bihar regarding certain irregularities in the project; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to investigate the complaints?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**Production capacity of Kalakot mines of Jammu and Kashmir**

3824. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated quantity of coal in the Kalakot Mines of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what quantity of coal is being extracted from these mines at present and what expenditure is being incurred thereon;

(c) what is the category-wise labour force employed in the mines; and

(d) what profit has been made by these mines during the last 3 years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

**कोयले की ढुलाई के लिए सड़कों को मजबूत बनाने हेतु मध्य प्रदेश को दी जाने वाली धनराशि**

3825. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार को मध्य प्रदेश के बेतूल छिंदवाड़ा जिले में कोयले की ढुलाई के लिए प्रयोग में आने वाली अधिकांश सड़कों को मजबूत बनाने और उन्हें चौड़ा करने के संबंध में मध्य प्रदेश सरकार की ओर से मार्च, 1985 और मई, 1986 में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए थे; और

(ख) क्या केन्द्र सरकार को इस कार्य के लिए स्वीकृति हेतु पहले ही 200 करोड़ रुपए के आंकलन प्राप्त हो गए थे ?

**कोयला मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० नयमेगौड़ा)** : (क) और (ख) मई, 1982 में 202.99 करोड़ रु० की अनुमानित लागत से सड़कों को चौड़ा और अनुरक्षित करने संबंधी एक प्रस्ताव मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से प्राप्त हुआ था। इस संबंध में उनसे 1985 के अनुमानों का अद्यतन करने को कहा गया था। संशोधित अनुमान मई, 1986 में प्राप्त हुए थे। राज्य सरकार को सूचित किया गया है कि राज्य सड़कों का निर्माण कार्य किए जाने की जिम्मेदारी मुख्य रूप से राज्य सरकारों की होती है और यह कि राज्य सरकार, अपने आंतरिक संसाधनों

के जरिए निधियों को जुटाने के अलावा, वे सम्बद्ध राज्यों में उत्पादित कोयले पर लगाए गए अन्य करों तथा रायल्टी के जरिए काफी राजस्व का संग्रहण करती है, अतः वे स्वयं ही सड़कों का निर्माण किए जाने के लिए निधियों को जुटाने की व्यवस्था करें, जिसमें कोयला क्षेत्रों में स्थित सड़कों की व्यवस्था भी शामिल है।

**Cost of production of coal**

3826. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of a tonne of coal in India;

(b) how it compares with those of the advanced countries; and

(c) what specific steps have been taken to reduce the cost of production of coal in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The cost of production of Coal India Limited (CIL) and Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) coal for 1990-91 was Rs. 277.18 and Rs. 401.05 per tonne respectively.

(b) The cost of coal production of a few countries available for the year 1986-87 as compared to Coal India Limited is given below:-

| Country | Cost of production | |
|---|---|---|
| | US$ per tonne | Rs/. tonne |
| U.K. . . . | 68.80 | 873.10 |
| Belgium . . | 71.00 | 901.02 |
| F.R. Germany . | 114.20 | 1449.24 |
| Poland | 29.00 | 368.02 |
| India (CIL) . | .. | 221.54 |

(c) Some of the major steps taken to brin down the cost of production of coal in Coal India Limited are as follows:-

1. Improved manpower planning including redeployment of surplus workers and restricting the intake of new employees against vacancies caused by natural wastage.

2. Control of increase in manpower through voluntary retirement schemes.

3. The concept of 'all men-all Jobs' is being tried on an experimental basis.

4. Increase in production and productivity with special emphasis on underground mines.

5. Improvement in the availability and utilisation of equipment by providing adequate workshop support, improved management of spares and timely rehabilitation of equipments.

6. A number of systems improvement and managerial measures have been adopted to improve efficiency of operations.

**Illegal transportation of Coal by benami dealers**

3827. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that hundreds of lorries of coal from Singareni collieries are illegally transported daily by benami dealers; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to check this practice?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) The Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. have stated that they have not been supplying coal to any dealer since 1983. All the industries are supplied coal directly by them, on the basis of recommendation of the concerned sponsoring authority of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. Regular check is being carried out by them to avoid misutilisation of coal by the industries. Coal supply is suspended to an industrial unit if misutilisation/ diversion is detected.